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Matthews International Announces First Quarter Earnings Release and Conference Call Schedule

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 5 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Matthews International Corporation (Nasdaq: MATW) today announced plans to release first quarter fiscal 2009 results after the market closes on Thursday, January 22, 2009.

Matthews International Corporation has scheduled a conference call for Friday, January 23, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern time. Participating in the call will be Joseph C. Bartolacci -- President and CEO, and Steven F. Nicola -- Chief Financial Officer.

To participate in the call, dial 1-612-332-0226 at least ten minutes before the conference call begins and ask for the Matthews International Corporation conference call. A replay of the call will be available at approximately 1:30 p.m. Eastern time the day of the conference and will be accessible until 11:59 p.m., February 6, 2009. To access the replay, dial 1-320-365-3844, enter the pass code 980511, and follow the provided instructions.

Matthews International Corporation, headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is a designer, manufacturer and marketer principally of memorialization products and brand solutions. Memorialization products consist primarily of bronze memorials and other memorialization products, caskets and cremation equipment for the cemetery and funeral home industries. Brand solutions include graphics imaging products and services, marking products, and merchandising solutions. The Company's products and services include cast bronze memorials and other memorialization products; caskets; cast and etched architectural products; cremation equipment and cremation-related products; mausoleums; brand management; printing plates and cylinders; pre-press services and imaging services for the primary packaging and corrugated industries; marking and coding equipment and consumables, and industrial automation products for identifying, tracking and conveying various consumer and industrial products, components and packaging containers; and merchandising display systems and marketing and design services.

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